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Clock Tinkering Time is ripe in the Valley of the Moon

So! When you get ready for bed Saturday night, you better shove your clock ahead one hour. Everything will be all right the next morning. The hour you lose will get back to you late in September.

It's all pretty silly, but that's the way the people voted. Same result could be obtained—and by far easier—if people would just get up an hour earlier each day, stores, factories, schools, churches and organized groups start in an hour earlier, and you'd get your added daylight after supper. But maybe that's too simple.

Don't worry about who's boss in your home; you'll be happier if you never find out. VALLEY WATCH REPAIR, Boyce Springs.

Demmit! It rained beautifully Thursday, and some seeds we just got weren't in the ground. However, it may rain again once or twice before the dry season starts.

VALLEY OF THE MOON REALTY, 222 W. Napa, Sonoma. Friendliest service in the Valley. A. J. Bourdy, owner. Harry White assists.

That 40th wedding anniversary hinted at in our headline last week was our own—the Littles. And a wonderful day it was. There was a fine dinner out, the wiff had a corsage, there were cards and presents from neighbors and friends and the Lions club, and we couldn't even pay for the burgundy on the table. And maybe that's why we'll always say the people in this northern part of the state are a different breed than those in the Southland. Thank all and every one of you.

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MENDEL'S CAFE, Boyes Springs Plaza. Our food (especially sizzling steaks) are winning wide approval. Tasty drinkables.

You know we're a mighty good political prognosticator. This coming primary and general election are already figured out. Estes and Adlai are killing off each other, and the dem nominee will be somebody else. And whoever he is, he won't get anywhere. Ike's our president for the next four years. By a landslide, bigger than four years ago.

HAZEL'S HOUSE OF CHARM, 18375 Hwy. 12, Boyes. Cold waves, hair styling, tints, dyes. Paris license. Eves by appoint. WE 8-5829.

In one of our exchanges we read: "Harper Holt entertained friends from Washington at his farm last Sunday. Following a hunting expedition for pheasant and quail, Mr. Holt and his guests enjoyed a roast ham dinner."

MANCUSO WINES, grower-produced. Glen Ellen. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, better than most.

James Day, general manager of TV channel KQED, San Francisco, has just returned from New York where for the "foremost educational station in California," he accepted the Peabody award for excellent programming, presented in person by Bennett Cerf. Day is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Day, who live on Central avenue, Boyes Hot Springs, and frequently visits with them here.

WOODLEAF MARKET, Boyes. Snappy service, quality foods, wide selections, and lowest prices in the Valley. Make us prove it.

Heard a cute little story. It goes like this: An Idaho potato went across the ocean and married an Irish potato. In due course there was a little Sweet potato. When she grew up she came to America, fell in love with Walter Winchell and wrote her folks about the romance. The mother told her it was no good, that she couldn't possibly ever marry a Commen-tator.

R. A. "BOB" MILLER — "Yours for Life"

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Frankie Albert, head man for the 49ers, will be the main speaker at a Father and Son banquet to be held May 1 at Veterans' Memorial building in Sonoma. Service clubs are sponsors and there should be a whale of a crowd there.

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

And from the Tacoma News-Tribune: "Members of the Lions club stretched and strained Thursday noon as Swan Johnson, local physical therapist, demonstrated deep-breathing exercises during the club meeting. There will be no meeting nxt week."

MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Expert watch service. Jewelry for everybody. Watches. Shavers. Watch Bands. Rings.

A small newspaper in Nevada carried this item recently: "We constantly remind our correspondents that we want nothing but the facts, but one of them really bent over backwards this week with an item which read, 'The Ladies' Aid served a chicken to about 100 people at the Baptist church Tuesday night.'"

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, for the best food in the Valley. Excellent cocktail bar. Sumptuously luxuriant.

Robert L. Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patterson, is home from his station in Washington, D. C., and has been reassigned to the air force base near San Bernardino. Young Patterson has a new title, too—airman first class.

ROZARIO'S PALMS INN, Verano. Quiet and homelike, it's the favorite place for banquets, dinners, parties. And cocktails.

Fred Bom, 43, was buried last Friday from the Bates and Evans funeral home. He had been ill for some time, hospitalized the last two months. He died the preceding Tuesday at a San Francisco hospital. His widow, Ellen "Mac" Bom, is proprietor of the Powder Box Beauty shop on Arnold drive near Eldridge. Fred was well known throughout the Valley, and had a host of friends who are greatly saddened by his passing.

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. Mothers' Day May 13. Nothing finer than a growing potted plant, cut flowers, or a fine shrub.

Every once in a while we get in a hassle about the spelling of certain words. Take Women's club, for instance. Some clubs of that type use the singular possessive. Also with Fathers' and Mothers' day. Sure, the founders used the singular form, but we did a little investigating, and all the authorities say we're right in using the plural form, even if the founders didn't know what they were doing. A leading proofreader in Chicago wrote us: "If there's one woman in the club, use Woman's club. If there are more than one, it's Women's club." Another authority: "Would you say Boyes Man's club?"

And take Campfire Girls and Bluebirds. Our dictionary gives them as one word, not two, but the bigwigs of the two groups still stick to the split in the words. Anyone feel like arguing?

DANCE Saturday nights and Sundays at LITTLE SWITZERLAND, El Verano. Fine music, Swiss food, congenial crowds, always.

The Colonel's on a diet again, with a goal of 20 pounds to be lost. Got to get that sylph-like figure back again. Three pounds already gone, and we're drinking mostly buttermilk!

SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 near Boyes. Splendid cuisine, old-world atmosphere. Cocktails. Dance if you wish. Italian food too. **MOVING and STORAGE. CLOUSE DELIVERY SERVICE. WE 8-2467, Sonoma. BOB CLOUSE, Your Friendly Mover.**

Just before coming to Boyes Hot Springs 10 years ago, we spent a week in Florida, mostly around Plant City, half-way down the state. It was September, and we didn't exactly like Florida. It rained pitchforks every afternoon for an hour or so, with terrific winds. Then it cleared up and the sun was shining. But damp! Clothing in closets mildewed quickly. There were horrendous field roaches over everything, and poisonous scorpions. Fellow we stayed with had an alligator in the back forty. Along the highways were ditches on both sides of the roadway, filled with black murky water, from which you half expected to see crocodiles emerging. Scrubby cattle and razor-back hogs have the run of the highways, and motorists mustn't ever hit one or you're in trouble. Chain gangs of prisoners were frequently seen, guarded by men with rifles.

On the good side, there are some splendid cities, large and small. We saw Bok tower, and the roads for miles around leading to the tower are wide and smooth and well marked. Like we should have leading to the old Adobe near Petaluma.)

But California has Florida beat so far and in so many categories it's pitiful. Reason so many northerners go to Florida for a winter stay is that it's only a three-day drive and you're much warmer than in Michigan or Illinois.

FIRESIDE LODGE, just west of Sonoma, Hiway 12. Barbecuing is our long suit—steaks, chops, ribs, chicken. Splendid cocktail bar.

RICHFIELD SERVICE, Boyes, Plaza at Hiway 12. Bud Delaney is the proprietor. Highest quality gas and oil, tires, batteries.

Our new Glen Ellen supper club is fast emerging as a beautiful new building, modernistic, and with a beautiful setting. It's on the same location as Buck's tavern, but wider and stretching clear to the creek banks. Carl and Sybil Amante are the owners, and they expect to be able to have a grand opening about May 18.

HOOVER OAKS & TRAILER COURT, Hiway 12. Trailer space available. Propane gas. Shell products. Groceries.

PAUL'S RESORT, Verano. Banquet facilities deluxe. Dancing, Dining. Paul at the organ. One-stop resort. Swim pool.

Soon 'twill be roasting ear time again. Hereabouts there is little sweet corn grown (probably the nights are too cold); most of our supply is grown over in the central valley, a lot of it around Lodi. It's almost as good as the midwest sweet corn, but expensive. Our

granddad used to grow something he called blue corn. It's the same as that now listed in the seed catalogs as Black Mexican. There also is the varicolored Indian Squaw corn, but that's not much good to eat.

BUD'S GARAGE, Calle del Monte, opp. Food Center, Boyes. Your best bet for car repairs, all makes. Phone WE 8-2750.

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Harvey and Melina will welcome you. Stein Club headquarters. Draft beer. Tasty mixed drinks.

GOOD TIME TO START A NEW LAWN

Lawns seeded now sprout faster and are more attractive than fall-planted lawns. Destroy lawn weeds while they're still young.

Vegetables to be planted now include tomatoes, lettuce, beans, beets, cucumbers, peppers, onions, parsley, radishes, artichoke plants (they thrive in the fog belt), cabbage and potatoes.

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. A super drug store, large stocks. Soda fountain, too.

SONOMA MISSION INN, known throughout the nation for quality dinners, cocktails, friendliness. Convention headquarters.

Still on the subject of food—and we on a diet! The other night we had some prawns, those oversize shrimp. Wonderful eating, if you like seafood. Still believe a seafood restaurant around here could build up a wonderful business. Remember the seafood grotto in the Griswold hotel in Detroit? It's gone now. And the fresh oysters shelled before your eyes on Market street in Philadelphia?

FIELDS UNION SERVICE, Main Corner, Boyes. Union Oil products. Experienced mechanic on duty. Guaranteed service.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CIGARS—Union label, handmade right here at home. Most dealers have 'em. Superior quality always.

Out-of-town visitors have raved about our old-worldish atmosphere, our quaint little narrow and winding streets, the charm of our countryside. A recent visitor, however, while not unappreciative, said we aren't "finished" enough. He preferred paved streets, curbing and sidewalks, and more trim houses and yards.

Not everyone likes the same things, the same appearance. We probably could spruce up a bit, though, without destroying our picturesqueness. More flowers and lawns and shrubbery would help. And our narrow winding streets could stand wider paving, curbing and sidewalks without adversely affecting our general appearance.

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And one who hadn't seen the place in 15 years was amazed at the number of new business houses and residences. Even since we've been here there have been at least 20 new businesses launched, also the Hanna Center, new golf club building, improvement of Arnold drive, and the modernization of dozens of old-time business buildings.

And there's a wealth of other expansion in the offing, including a drive-in theater, several huge subdivisions, new supermarkets, new schools, and a super-highway. Are we ready to care for this expansion in our downtown section and in services available, or will we be caught napping?

B & L LAUNDROMAT, Fetters Springs. Latest modern equipment. Fast service, low charge. Take it easy on wash day—every week.

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. A historic tavern, with modern ideas. GUNNER, RUTH or MANNY will welcome you—heartily.

The matter of incorporating the Springs area will be a big question before too long. As for annexing to Sonoma, that's unthinkable and may be ignored. We're already twice as large as the historic village to the south, and the tail should never wag the dog.

Study of incorporation shows we'll be better off financially, likely paying lower taxes than now, and we'll be running our own affairs and not being run by an absentee board from Santa Rosa, which has little knowledge of our territory and its problems, even though one supervisor does live here. His district is too large for one man to care for in toto. And suppose he were superseded by somebody living, say, in Penngrove?

Do you know we're losing big money from auto license taxes, liquor licenses, utility fees, and a half dozen other sources of income which an incorporated city gets? The rebates come to the county, but extremely little of it is ever spent out here "in the sticks."

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Our columns are wide open for comment from readers on any subject in the world, preferably subjects of interest to this particular sector. We give our views on most everything, but you're welcome to dispute us any time. But keep it on a moderate tone, please.

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SHARP PENCIL

Senator Norris Cotton of New Hampshire has a worthwhile dollar-and-cents idea for taxpayers! Get out their pencils and let their congressmen know they want a little action on the reports of the Hoover commission.

Senator Cotton has been doing a little pencil work himself, according to the S F News. If all were adopted, the recommendations of the Hoover commission would save an estimated \$5.5 billion a year. This is enough money to pay for all the foreign aid President Eisenhower is demanding—with a big chunk left over.

It is enough to pay for the services and benefits the government gives to the veterans of all the wars—with a big chunk left over. It is enough to pay, three times over, for the whole atomic energy program. It is enough to build 100 atomic-powered submarines. Or to build 675 of those B-52 jet bombers.

There is nothing in the Hoover reports which would put a crimp in any of the functions or services or programs now carried on by the government. All the recommendations are concerned with wasting money—frittering it away on unecessaries.

The biggest and most legitimate congressional lobby in the country is the public. But it seldom gets going.

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OKAY, YOU DAHLIA GROWERS!

This is the time to start planting dahlias. To most gardeners that means tubers. Yet it is easy to raise dahlias from seed, too.

Seed racks generally contain three kinds of dahlias, each a mixture of many colors. Unwin's dwarf hybrid is the most common. The plants, mostly semi-double, grow about 2 feet tall.

Then there's the so-called "ideal" bedding mixture, whose flowers are semi-double and double. The plants are dwarf and compact, rarely growing higher than 18 inches.

Coltness hybrids make up the third group—single, bright-colored

flowers, producing a heavy crop of bloom. They also are short and compact.

At the end of the season, you'll find that each plant has produced a crop of tubers, which may be lifted and stored through the winter along with your larger dahlias and planted again next spring.

If you also want to grow the larger dahlias, select your tubers while the garden shops still have a good selection.

How to Plant: The tubers should be planted 6 to 8 inches deep and 3 to 4 feet apart. Place about a fistful of all-purpose fertilizer—some gardeners prefer a couple of tablespoonfuls of bonemeal—in the bottom of the hole, cover with 1 inch of topsoil, then put in the tuber with its eye up.

Also drive a stake in alongside the tuber for tying the plant later. Dahlias grow 48 to 60 inches tall.

Cover the tuber with rich soil, leaving a shallow depression for watering. Water frequently when in bloom, and feed every three or four weeks.

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DENNY'S COG CLUB, main corner, Boyes. Sportsmen's headquarters. A large, friendly tavern, where everybody's your friend.

Idle Hour, down Hiway 12 at the big curve, will have its grand opening on Friday, May 4. Lots of special features have been planned and you're all invited to come on down and enjoy the evening. Marie Hayes and Catherine Hawkins are new owners of the restaurant (which has Coors beer on tap).

MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE. Famous for fine meats at lowest prices in the Springs area. "Specials" week ends. POWDER BOX BEAUTY SHOP, Arnold drive at Ellis's. All new equipment. Modern methods. Phone WE 8-2673 for appointment.

Checking a government survey of submarginal farmland, I had seen mile after mile of dilapidated buildings, eroded land, poor crops and cows so skinny you could count their ribs. Yet in the midst of this desolation I came upon a farm that was a garden spot. It had neatly painted buildings, contour-plowed fields, good crops and fat cows. I asked the farmer how he did it.

"Wal, son," he said, "if the guvment would look into these things a mite closer, they'd find they's a sight more submarginal farmers than submarginal farms!"—Readers' Digest.

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